

REMARKS

The Applicants submit this *second* preliminary amendment for entry into the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination.

This second preliminary amendment amends claims 1-6 and adds new claims 23-32. Therefore, claims 1-32 are pending in the present application after entry of the amendment. As required by 35 U.S.C. Sect. 132, no new matter has been added. The amendments made to the claims and the new claims are fully supported by the original application.

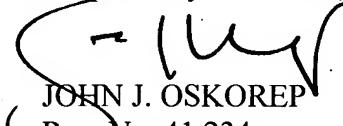
Applicants respectfully request entry of this second preliminary amendment and consideration of the application as amended prior to examination.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if there are any questions or concerns regarding this submission.

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